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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/645,928	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ELLIS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Charles Chow	<b>Art Unit</b> 2685	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                        |
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***Detailed Action***

***Election/Restriction***

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 112:
  - I. Claims 1-26 are, drawn to **simultaneously processing multiple radio signals** and simultaneously storing each radio signal in a buffer, then outputting stored signals and portions; the override audio with telephone signal; the usage history tracking classified in class 455, subclass 3.06, 412.1, 413. 405.
  - II. Claims 27-49, 51 are drawn to storing radio signal at the same time to converting previously stored digital radio data for outputting, associated with the **enhanced radio receiving system**, classified in class 455, subclass 186.1.
  - III. Claim 50 is, Drawn to vocal stripper, displaying received text lyrics, associated with the **sing along system**, classified in class 455, subclass 221.
  - IV. Claim 52 is, drawn to user initiated communication based on received radio information, associated with **radio reception and response system**, classified in class 455, subclass 69, 70. 24.
  - V. Claim 53 is, drawn to user created message having attribute indication of radio input, associated with **radio** reception and **message system**, classified in class 455, subclass 67.7.
  - VI. Claim 54 is, drawn to radio reception and communication device which allow user defined preference for first radio reception system used by the second radio reception system, associated with **radio preference sharing system**, classified in class 455, subclass 426.1, 448.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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Inventions [I], [II], [III], [IV], [V], [VI] are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05 (C)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the above subcombination in groups [I], [II], [III], [IV], [V], [VI] are each distinctly structured from the others and having different features for the claimed subject matter for each group as shown above.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 (b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 (b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (h).

#### **Conclusion**

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Chow whose telephone number is (571) 272-7889. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:30pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application

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